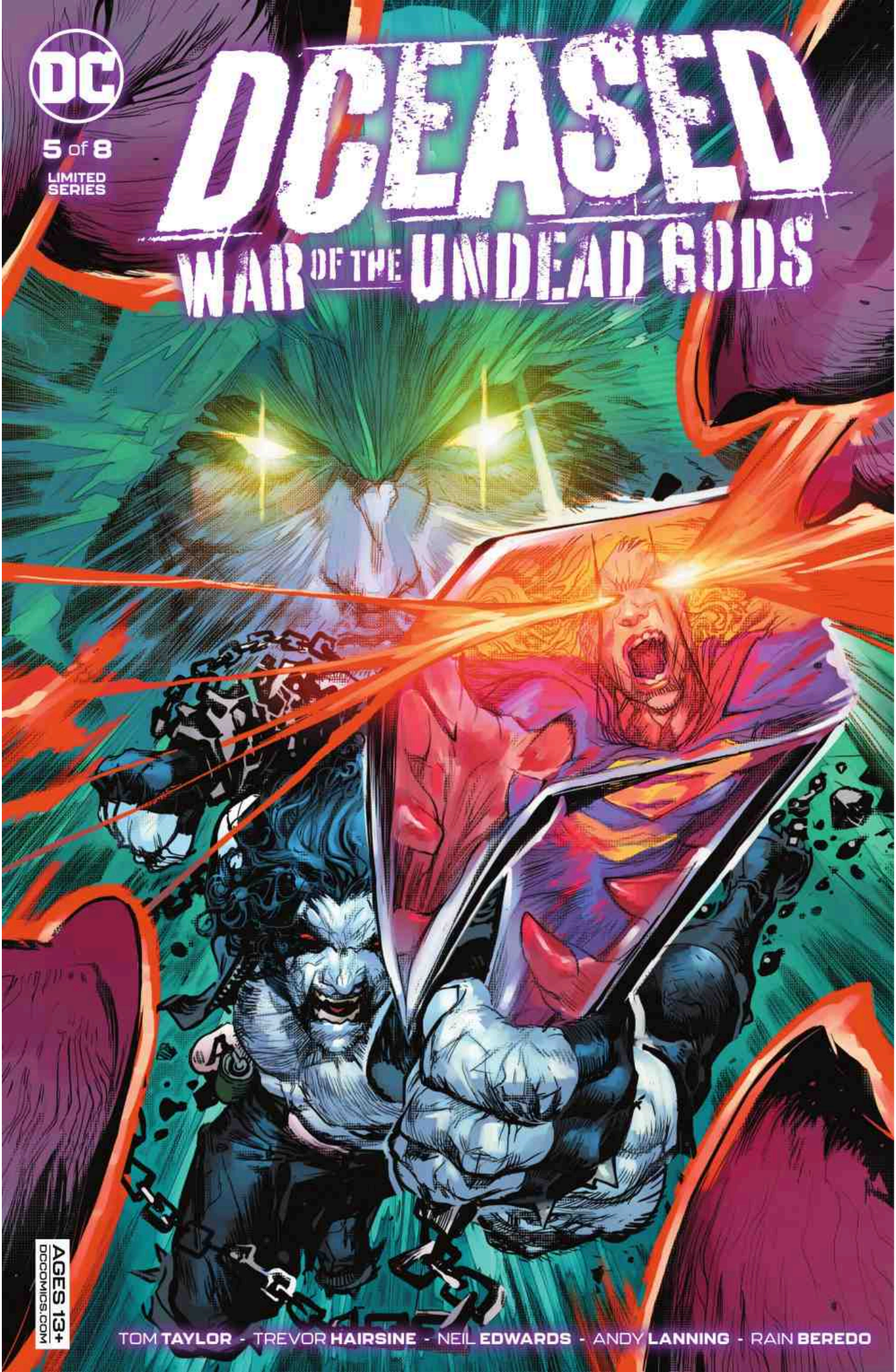
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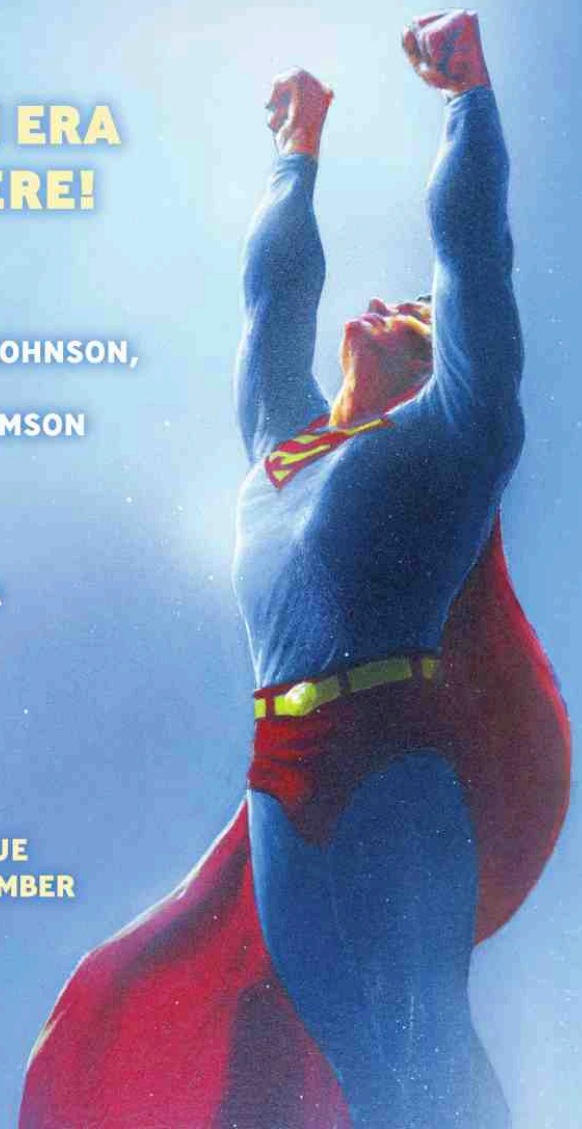

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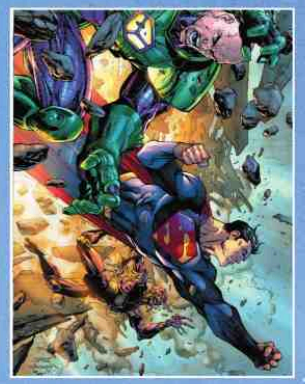

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EARTH-2.
WE COULDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS COMING WHEN THE BOOM TUBE OPENED.
BOOM
THOUGH I SUPPOSE WE SHOULD HAVE SEEN IT AS A SIGN...
DON'T MOVE.
...WHEN EARTH-2 WAS VISITED BY DEATH.
YOU CANNOT HARM ME, EARTHLINGS.
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SCOTT? BARDA?
OUR SON. THEY HAVE OUR SON, LOIS.
WHERE IS EVERYONE? WHERE'S SUPERMAN?

MXYZPTLK AND ARES. A REALITY-ALTERING BEING FACING A GOD OF WAR. TOO MUCH CONFIDENCE IN TOO CLOSE PROXIMITY.
YOU THINK YOU CAN COMMAND ME, IMP?
OH, I THINK I CAN DO A LOT MORE THAN JUST COMMAND YOU.
NEITHER WAS GOING TO BLINK.

MXYZPTLK.
EVEN THE GUARDIANS WERE AFRAID TO STEP BETWEEN THE TWO COSMIC POWERS.

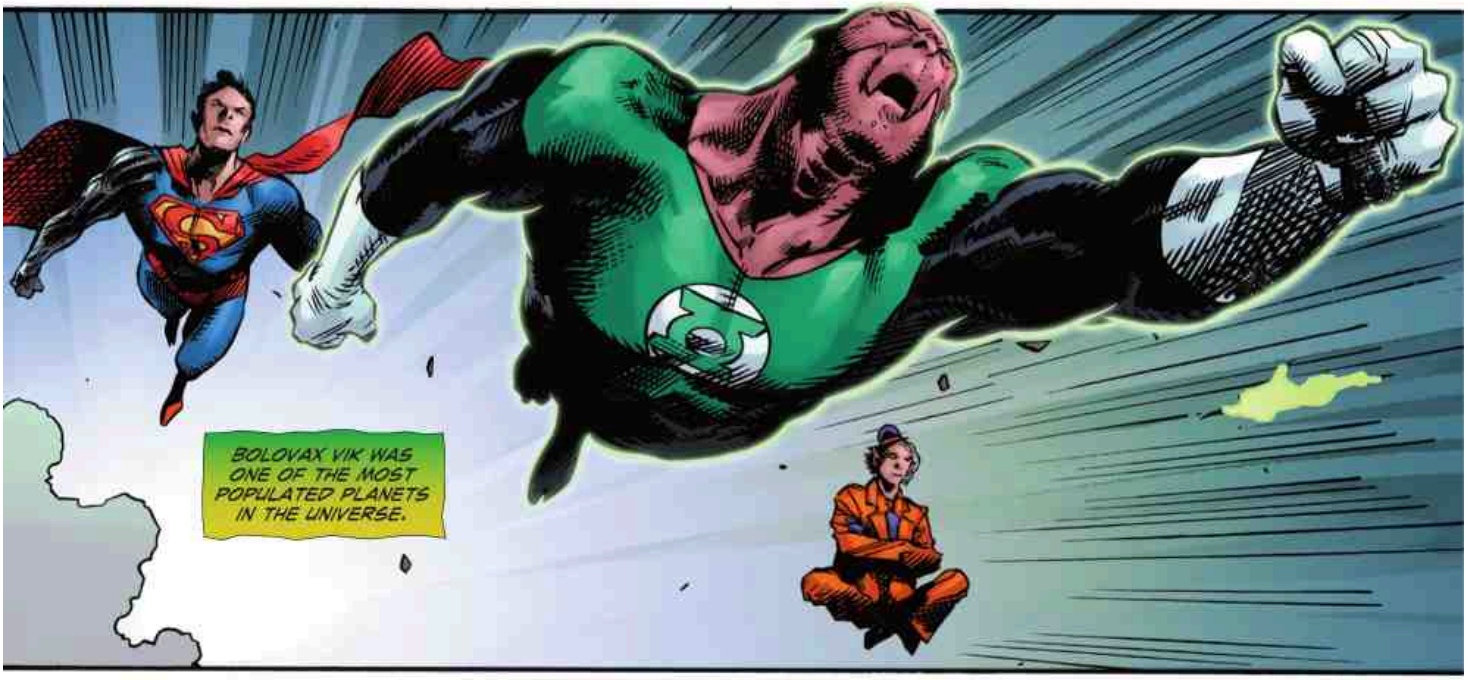
CLARK AND JON KENT DID NOT HESITATE FOR A SECOND.
ARES. MXYZPTLK. STAND DOWN.
WE HAVE TOO MUCH TO FIGHT FOR TO FIGHT AMONGST OURSELVES.
THAT'S MR. MXYZPTLK TO YOU, GUARDIAN.

GUARDIANS OF OA. WE *WILL* BE TAKING THE CURE TO THE INFECTED PLANETS.
IF THE GREEN LANTERNS CORPS WANTS TO STAND BESIDE UNDEAD GODS AGAINST US, THEN SO BE IT.
YOUR OPPOSITION WILL NOT STOP US FROM SAVING WORLDS FROM THE ANTI-LIFE EQUATION.
IT'S NOT JUST AN EQUATION.
WHAT?
EVERYTHING YOU THINK YOU KNOW IS WRONG.
DARKSEID HAS ALLOWED SOMETHING TO LEACH INTO THIS UNIVERSE.
SOMETHING CALLED ***EREBOS.***
EREBOS.
YOU KNOW THIS NAME?
WE DO. WE THOUGHT WE WERE DEALING WITH A VIRUS.
IT'S SPOKEN TO ME. IT HAS A VOICE. THIS IS BEYOND A VIRUS.
IF EREBOS IS AT THE HEART OF THIS, THEN IT CHANGES EVERYTHING.
THE CORPS CANNOT BE USED TO WIPE AWAY INFECTED PLANETS.
ALL GREEN LANTERNS ARE TO GUARD OA. THE CENTRAL BATTERY MUST BE PROTECTED AT ALL COSTS.

GUARDIANS, YOU MONITOR THE UNIVERSE.
CAN YOU SHOW US WHERE THE SPREAD IS? SHOW US WHAT THE FRONT LINES LOOK LIKE?
THE FRONT LINES?
THE FRONT LINES ARE EVERYWHERE.
THE NEW GODS AND OTHER SPACE-FARING SPECIES HAVE SPREAD THE VIRUS ACROSS GALAXIES.
WHAT'S THAT?
THAT IS WHERE DARKSEID AND A LARGE PORTION OF THE UNDEAD ARMADA ARE STRIKING AS WE SPEAK.
IT'S BOLOVAX VIK.
KILOWOG. I'M SORRY. I'M--

LEAVE HIM.
HE WOULDN'T LEAVE ANY OF US.
KILOWOG!
IF EREBOS IS AT THE HEART OF THIS, WE MUST CALL A MEETING OF THE QUINTESSENCE.
OKAY. COOL. YOU GO DECIDE WHETHER THE UNIVERSE IS WORTH SAVING BY COMMITTEE.
WE'LL GO FIGHT THIS THING.
NO. NO GREEN LANTERN IS TO FACE THE ANTI-LIVING BEFORE THE QUINTESSENCE HAS SPOKEN.
YOUR DUTY IS HERE, GUY GARDNER.
IT'S OKAY, SUPERMAN AND I WILL HANDLE DARKSEID AND BOLOVAX VIK. IT'LL BE GREAT TO TEAM UP.
YOU THINK *YOU* CAN DEFEAT DARKSEID?
SURE. I MEAN, I WON'T REALLY NEED TO FIGHT HIM. I'LL PROBABLY JUST TURN HIM INTO A TASTEFUL FLOWER ARRANGEMENT.

I'M COMING WITH YOU.
I UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WANT TO. BUT YOU'RE NEEDED ELSEWHERE, JON.
DAD. IF YOU'RE TRYING TO PROTECT ME...
I WISH I WAS.
BUT THIS IS ONE PLANET. YOU SAW THE GUARDIANS' VISION. THERE ARE DOZENS OF PLANETS THAT NEED US. BILLIONS OF LIVES BEING THREATENED AS WE SPEAK.
I WISH I COULD TAKE YOU WITH ME. KEEP YOU NEAR ME. KEEP YOU SAFE. BUT I NEED YOU TO PROTECT OUR TWO EARTHS.
I NEED YOU TO START SAVING THE PLANETS THE GUARDIANS HAVE GIVEN UP ON.
AND I NEED YOU TO KEEP OUR FAMILY SAFE. I CAN'T DO THIS UNLESS I KNOW MA AND PA AND LOIS ARE PROTECTED.
I WON'T BELIEVE THEY'RE PROTECTED UNLESS YOU'RE WITH THEM.
I'VE BROUGHT YOU BACK FROM DEATH ONCE BEFORE, DAD. I'LL DO IT AGAIN IF I HAVE TO.
I KNOW, SON.


BOLOVAX VIK WAS ONE OF THE MOST POPULATED PLANETS IN THE UNIVERSE.

SIXTEEN BILLION LIVES ALL CONNECTED BY A COMMUNAL MIND.
AND AS KILOWOG APPROACHED, HIS MIND REJOINED WITH THOSE OF HIS PEOPLE. ONE MIND...

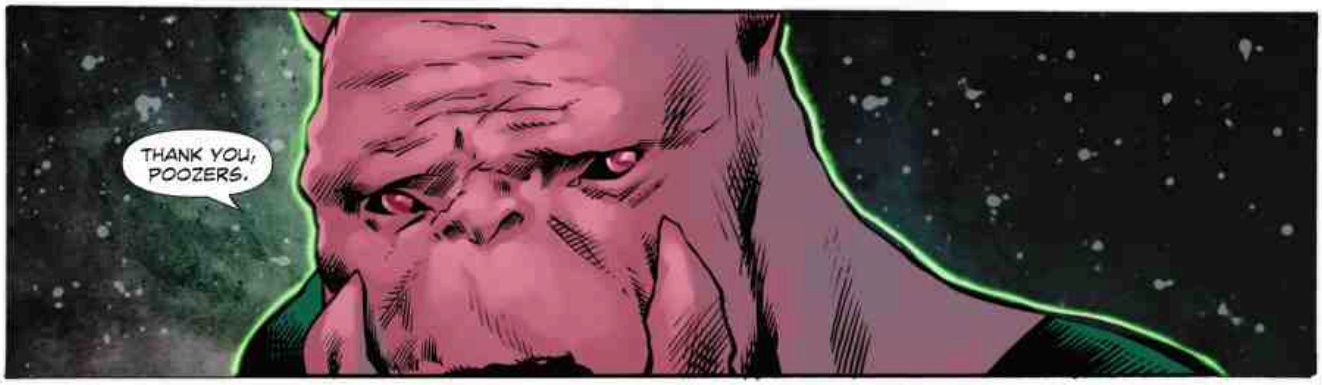
...FEELING ABJECT TERROR.

KILOWOG?
IT'S...IT'S OVERWHELMING.
SIXTEEN BILLION MINDS. AND WE FEEL TOTALLY ALONE.

YOU'RE NOT ALONE, KILOWOG.

JOHN? THE GUARDIANS SAID THE CORPS WAS NOT TO ENGAGE.
THE GUARDIANS SAY A LOT OF THINGS.
LOTTA RULES. NOT A LOTTA LOYALTY.

YOU ARE OUR TEACHER AND OUR FRIEND.
WE'RE NOT LEAVING YOU TO FIGHT THIS ALONE.


THANK YOU, POOZERS.

GREEN LANTERNS.
LET'S FIGHT DEATH.
CHOOM
CHOOM
CHOOM
NO MATTER WHAT THE SITUATION, WHERE HE WAS IN THE UNIVERSE, OR WHO NEEDED HIM...
...SUPERMAN MADE PEOPLE FEEL SAFE.
IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY.

KO!
SUPERMAN WAS KNOWN AS A FORCE FOR GOOD ACROSS THE UNIVERSE.
WHO... WHO ARE YOU?
WHY ARE YOU WEARING THAT?
WHEREVER HE WENT, HIS SYMBOL STOOD AS A SHIELD AGAINST DARKNESS.

CHZZ
EVERYTHING THAT SYMBOL STOOD FOR WAS PERVERTED THAT DAY.
NO!

OKAY, THAT'S ENOUGH OF THAT, NEW GOD.
WHAT SHOULD I TURN YOU INTO?
A HOUSE-PLANT? A PERSUASIVE ESSAY?
ALL MXYZPTLK HAD TO DO WAS THINK IT, AND DARKSEID WOULD HAVE BEEN UNDONE.
BUT HE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO THINK.
X SHAME X FAILURE X DEATH X DEATH
WHAT'S...
THE VIRUS SPREAD IN TWO WAYS, AND WHILE MXYZPTLK WAS NO DOUBT CONFIDENT HE COULDN'T BE HARMED, HE COULD STILL SEE.
AND ALL IT TOOK WAS A CORRUPTED MOTHER BOX TO SHOW HIM THE EQUATION...

...FOR A CREATURE MANY CONSIDERED TO BE A JOKE TO BECOME THE GREATEST THREAT IN THE ANTI-LIFE EQUATION'S ARMY.
AAAARG!!!

HOLY CRAP.
TAKE THE GIANT @#$% DOWN!
POUR IT ON, POOZERS! EVERYTHING YOU HAVE!
KILOWOG! JOHN!

=HNNG=
YOU...=HNGG...= YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME, POOZER.
NOTHING COULD HAVE STOPPED ME.
I MET KILOWOG ONCE. HE WAS A GOOD MAN.
AND JOHN STEWART WAS ONE OF THE FINEST HEROES I KNEW.
YOU'RE MY FRIEND. IN BRIGHTEST DAY AND IN BLACKEST NIGHT.
CRACK
THEY WOULD BE MISSED.

MXYZPTLK WAS UNLEASHED.
BOLOVAX VIK EXPLODED OUT AS HE FLEW STRAIGHT THROUGH IT.
DRAGGING COMETS AND ASTEROIDS WITH HIM, THE IMP SPED THROUGH SPACE...
...WITH ONE DESTINATION IN MIND.
AND WHEN HE REACHED THAT DESTINATION...
...WHEN HE REACHED THE CENTRAL BATTERY ON OA...

...HE DID NOT STOP.
THE CENTRAL BATTERY WAS SHATTERED.
...AND TO THE VACUUM OF SPACE.
HRRK.
AND EVERYWHERE, GREEN LANTERNS WERE SEVERED FROM THEIR POWER.
AGGH!
EXPOSING THE CORPS TO GRAVITY...

THE QUINTESSENCE. THE SELF-NAMED HIGHEST ORDER OF BEINGS IN THE UNIVERSE. THEY BORE WITNESS TO ALL THAT HAPPENED. THEY WATCHED WITHOUT INTERFERENCE.
EREBOS IS SPREADING. WE ARE ABOUT TO LOSE THIS UNIVERSE.
I WILL NOT STAND BY AND ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN, HERA.
DO YOU SPEAK AS THE WRATH OF THE PRESENCE OR AS THE MAN JIM CORRIGAN?
BOTH.
EREBOS CANNOT BE STOPPED. THE QUINTESSENCE SHOULD FOCUS OUR ENERGY ON THE NEXT UNIVERSE.
THE QUINTESSENCE IS *DISAPPEARING.*
THE WIZARD SHAZAM IS DEAD. HIGHFATHER IS A SLAVE TO THE ANTI-LIFE EQUATION.
I WAS ALMOST DESTROYED BY TRIGON FIGHTING THIS.
THE CENTRAL BATTERY. IT HAS BEEN BROKEN. I FEEL IT.
THE GREEN LANTERNS ARE FALLING.
I WILL NOT ALLOW ANY ENTITY TO TAKE THIS UNIVERSE AWAY WITHOUT A FIGHT.

SO MANY GREEN LANTERNS WERE ON THE VERGE OF DEATH...
...WHEN THE MIRACLE HAPPENED.
=GASP=
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT? WHAT HAPPENED?
OUR POWER WAS GONE.
IT CAME BACK.
THE POWER OF THE LANTERN CORPS RETURNED...

...AS THE SPECTRE RESTORED WHAT WAS BROKEN.
VENGEANCE.

YES, AGENT OF ENTROPY, I AM THE SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE.
...AND I AM VERY, VERY @#%$ OFF.
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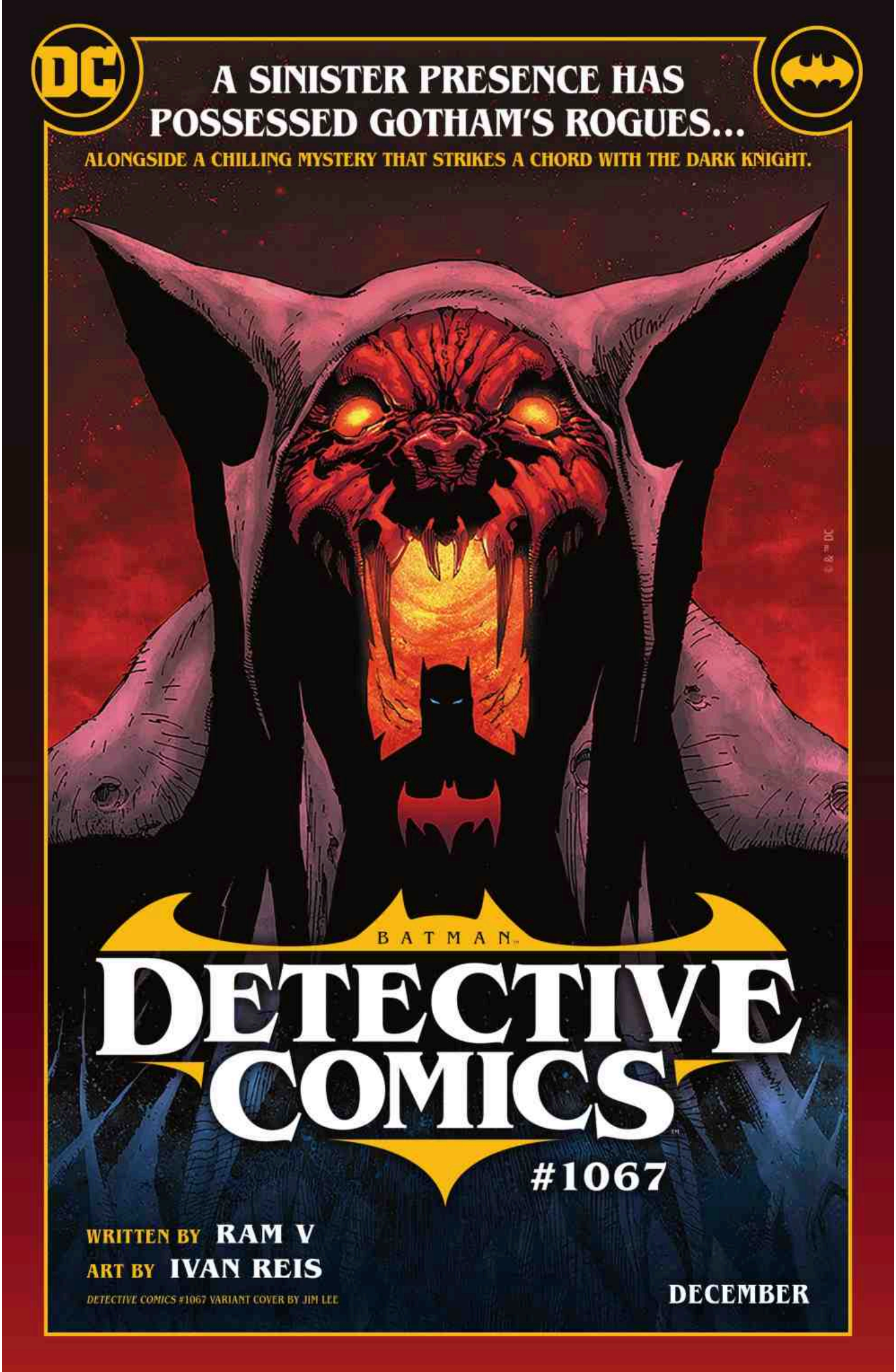
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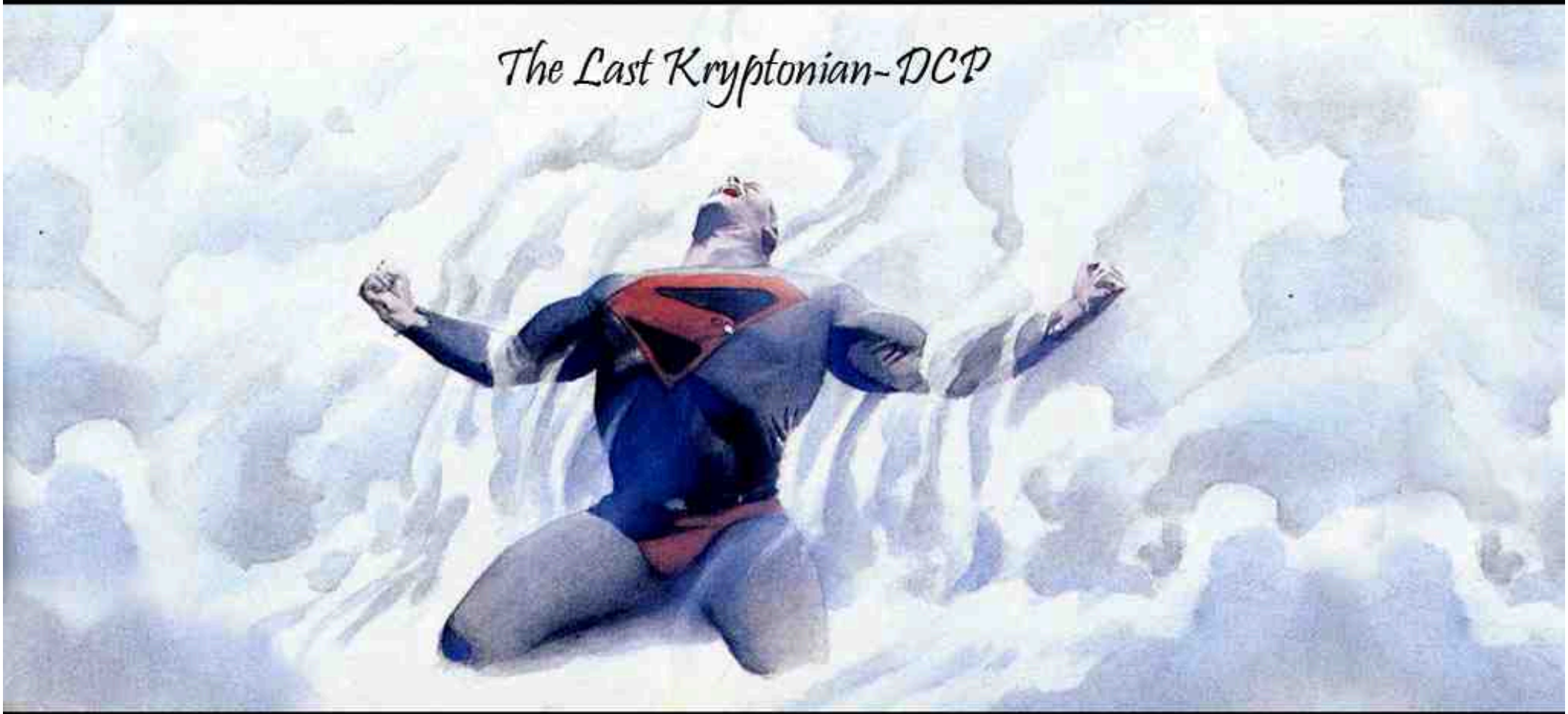
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